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To Whom It Concerns:

Intentionally causing extreme stress to hens to force them to molt has an extensive negative trickle-down effect. Aside from the inhumane treatment of the hens, the molting also leads to unhealthy & disease ridden eggs for those who consume the eggs.

In order to protect consumers, the FDA must take more measures than simply putting warning labels on the cartons and regulating eggs' refrigeration temperatures.

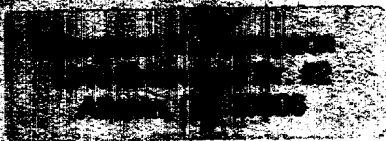
The FDA should prohibit the inhumane & cruel practice of forced molting because this practice has been scientifically shown to foster disease by destroying the starving hens' immune systems.

The FDA has jurisdiction to ban any farm practice that injures human health and forced molting is clearly not healthy for any organism involved - humans or hens.

The FDA must ban forced molting of laying hens because forced molting is a primary cause of infectious diseases in hens, eggs, and egg consumers.

THE CRUELTY AND CONTAMINATION ARE LINKED!!
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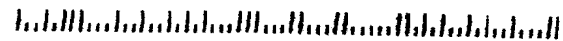
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